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Governor Doyle Announces Appointments to State of Wisconsin Citizen Corps Council

Governor Jim Doyle announced today appointments to the Wisconsin Citizen Corps Council. Governor Doyle signed an Executive Order creating the council on September 9, 2004. The council will help train Wisconsin citizens on how to effectively supplement the state's professional police, fire, emergency management, public health, and public safety capabilities in order to build safer communities and help prevent, prepare, and respond to emergencies at all levels.

"This council is a cross-section of emergency responders and planners from across the state," Governor Doyle said. "These council members have the expertise to help the citizens of Wisconsin be better prepared in the event of an emergency."

The following people have been appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

1. William McReynolds, Racine, has been appointed as Chair of the Council. He is the Racine County Executive and is a former Sheriff.
2. Terry Dryden, Shell Lake, is the Washburn County Sheriff.
3. Carrie Ebner, La Crosse, is a librarian at St. James Catholic Grade School in La Crosse and a volunteer EMS for the Town of Campbell Fire Department.
4. August Erdmann, Milwaukee, is a retired Milwaukee Fire Chief.
5. Steve Herman, Oshkosh, is the President of Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners, and Deputy Sheriff at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.
6. Tom Hinz, Green Bay, is a former Brown County Sheriff and currently serves as a Brown County Supervisor.
7. Terri Leece, Wauwatosa, is the Director of Disaster Service for Wisconsin and Upper Michigan for the Salvation Army.
8. Doreen Martinez, Milwaukee, is the Director of Disaster Services for the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the Red Cross.
9. Brian O'Keefe, Milwaukee, is a Deputy Chief with the Milwaukee Police Department.
10. Carol Pool, Milltown, is the owner of Unity EMS.

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11. Bryan Roessler, Madison, is the Director of the Wisconsin Council of Safety.
12. Neil Strobel, Merrill, is the Police Chief of the Merrill Police Department.
13. Keith Tveidt, Ashland, is the Chief of the Ashland City Fire Department.
14. Jennifer Warmke, Juneau, is the Deputy Director of Dodge County Emergency Management.
15. Betsy Wilcox, Port Washington, is the Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of Washington County.
16. Johnny Winston, Jr., Madison, is a Madison firefighter and school board member.
17. Ya Yang, Wausau, is a business developer at the Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association.
18. Shannon Young, Appleton, is a Lieutenant with the City of Appleton Fire Department.

Citizen Corps programs include the following:

- **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).** CERT educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event, and can take a more active role in preparing their community.
- **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).** MRC strengthens communities by helping medical, public health, and other volunteers offer their expertise throughout the year as well as during local emergencies and other times of community need. MRC volunteers work in coordination with existing local emergency response programs and also supplement existing community public health initiatives, such as outreach and prevention, immunization programs, blood drives, case management, care planning, and other efforts.
- **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS).** VIPS works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers, and serves as a gateway to resources and information for and about law enforcement volunteer programs.